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HAVE DELAYED SENDING THIS TELEGRAM IN ANTICIPATION RECEIPT PRESIDENT'S PUBLIC STATEMENT WHICH NOT YET HERE ALMOST FOUR HOURS LATER, EXCEPT FOR FIRST OF SEVERAL PARTS.

PRIME MINISTER STILL ANXIOUSLY AWAITING TEXT SINCE HE WISHES TO COMMUNICATE WITH PRESIDENT AFTER READING IT.

COOPER ACCOMPANIED ME, AND HELPED BRIEF PRIMIN. LATTER ACCEPTED VALIDITY EVIDENCE EXISTENCE OFFENSIVE CAPABILITIES AND CONSIDERED SITUATION GRAVE. LORD HOME SAT IN ON MOST OF CONVERSATION.

BOTH BRITISH OFFICIALS

BUT IN ABSENCE KNOWLEDGE CONTENTS SPEECH SUCH CONVERSATION WAS HYPOTHETICAL. PRIMIN WILL CONSIDER TEXT IMMEDIATELY

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